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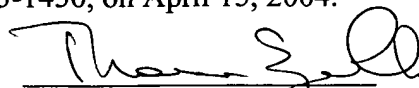
1. U.S. Patent No. 5,681,260 dated October 28, 1997 issued to Ueda et al.;
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 08-322786 published December 10, 1996 together with English language Abstract; and
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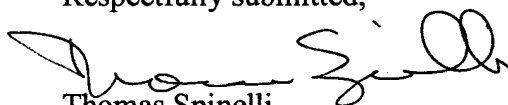
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The references were cited in an International Search Report dated March 16, 2004. Applicants are submitting copies of the above cited references together with the Search Report. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2001-179700 published July 3, 2001 was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated February 20, 2004. The relevance of references is described in the Search Report.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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